

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws
Section 12-301(c) and 12-301(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1970 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 12-301(c) and 12-301(d) of Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws

12-301.

(c) Every vehicle shall be equipped with brakes acting on all wheels except:

(1) Trailers, semitrailers, or pole trailers of a REGISTERED gross weight not exceeding 3,000 pounds, provided that:

(i) The total weight on and including the wheels of the trailer or trailers shall not exceed 40 percent of the gross weight of the towing vehicle when connected to the trailer or trailers, and

(ii) The combination of vehicles, consisting of the towing vehicle and its total towed load, is capable of complying with the performance requirements of § 12-302.

(2) Any vehicle being towed in driveway or towaway operations, provided the combination of vehicles is capable of complying with the performance requirements of § 12-302.

(3) Trucks, truck tractors and special mobile equipment having three or more axles need not have brakes on the front wheels, except that when the vehicles are equipped with at least two steerable axles, the wheels of one steerable axle need not have brakes. However, the trucks and truck tractors must be capable of complying with the performance requirements of § 12-302.

(4) The wheel of a sidecar attached to a motorcycle or to a motor-driven cycle, or the front wheel of a motor-driven cycle need not be equipped with brakes, provided that the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle is capable of complying with the performance requirements of § 12-302.